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From: Director, FBI (89-69)

Lee Harvey Oswald

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY
11/22/63
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Enclosed for Miami and Los Angeles are two copies of FD-302 reporting interview of Wally Weston at Dallas, Texas, on 11/24/63.

Recent news stories have identified convicted Watergate burglar Frank Sturgis as the former CIA Agent who told reporters in Miami that Jack Ruby met with Fidel Castro in Havana during the summer of 1963, and discussed the possibility of assassinating President Kennedy. Sturgis is also alleged to have told the same story to the Senate Intelligence Committee. Sturgis' story was allegedly corroborated by Wally Weston, a former master of ceremonies (MC) at Ruby's nightclub in Dallas. Weston was interviewed recently by Miami TV newsman Glenn Pinker and allegedly told Pinker he could establish that Ruby and Lee Harvey Oswald knew each other before the assassination and that Kathy Kay, a former stripper at the Carousel Club, could corroborate his story.

Bufiles show that Frank Anthony Sturgis, also known as Frank Fiorini was interviewed in Miami on 11/27/63, 1/14/64, and 4/7/64, regarding his knowledge of Lee Harvey Oswald (Bufile 100-82555, Miafile 105-0342). These interviews

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and additional information regarding Fiorini are found in Miami reports of SA James J. O'Connor dated 12/3/63, 1/25/64, 4/4/64, and 5/11/64. Although there is no indication that Fiorini was questioned regarding Jack Ruby in these interviews, there was certainly ample opportunity for Sturgis to furnish the information regarding Ruby to the FBI at that time if he, indeed, had such information.

It should be noted that the interview of Sturgis, aka Fiorini, on 11/27/63, resulted from a newspaper article quoting him as saying that Oswald had telephone conversations with the Cuban Government, G-2 intelligence during November, 1962. Fiorini, according to the article, claimed that Oswald contacted Miami-based supporters of Fidel Castro and that Oswald had connections with the Cuban Government in Mexico and New Orleans. The article further stated that Fiorini claimed that Oswald handed out pro-Castro literature in Miami in November, 1962, tried to infiltrate Cuban anti-Castro organizations in Miami and was known to have a bad temper.

When confronted with the above information on 11/27/63, Fiorini advised he had made some offhand comments to James Buchanan, author of the article, on the previous day. He admitted his comments were guesses, speculation and rumor based on information about Oswald which was carried in the press. He said he was passing on this speculative material and had no idea if it was true or false. The 1/14/64 interview also resulted from a newspaper article in which Fiorini was quoted as saying Oswald attempted to infiltrate several organizations in Miami including the Anti-Communist International Brigade (AIB) which was founded by Fiorini. When interviewed regarding this information, Fiorini said this information also was false. He further admitted he had no evidence that Oswald was ever in Miami.

Regarding Wally Weston, Miami will note from the enclosed FD-302 that Weston, when interviewed at Dallas on 11/24/63, said he had never known Ruby to have any particular interest in politics, he had never heard Ruby express any un-American sentiment and he had no reason to

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believe Ruby was not a loyal American in every respect. Weston said it was his personal opinion that Ruby murdered Lee Harvey Oswald for two reasons. He felt one reason could have been Ruby's strong desire for national publicity which would result from his act, or Ruby, because of his violent temper, could have become enraged at the murderer of a member of the Dallas Police Department, whom he felt were his friends. Weston said he did not believe Oswald's murder was connected in any way with Ruby's political beliefs or because of Ruby's sympathy for some foreign government.

Weston also stated during the interview that he doubted a statement by Bill Dollar, another entertainer at the Carousel Club that he, Dollar, had seen Oswald at the club and attributed the claim to Dollar's desire for publicity.

In the recent newspaper interview, Weston said Ruby and Oswald were acquainted before the assassination. He relates an incident that occurred approximately three weeks before the assassination when a man approached him on stage and accused him of being Communist. Weston claims he jumped off the stage and hit the man who fell backward into Ruby's arms. Ruby then cursed the man and told him he had previously been told to never come to the club and threw him down the stairs. Weston now claims he later recognized newspaper photographs of Oswald as the man he punched. He stated his opinion was confirmed by Kathy Kay, a stripper at the Carousel Club. Kay allegedly told Weston that Oswald was the man Weston punched and she had danced with Oswald.

Bureau indices indicate Kathy Kay, aka Kathy Coleman nee Harvey, Kay Helen Oslen, and Mrs. Harry Oslen, was a stripper at Ruby's Carousel Club and a friend of Ruby. She was interviewed by the Oklahoma City Office following the assassination and denied any knowledge of the assassination or the incidents that followed. On 8/6/64, as Mrs. Harry Oslen of 313 Obispo, Long Beach, California, she gave a deposition to the Warren Commission at Los Angeles, California. She testified under oath that she had never seen Oswald at the Carousel Club and had never seen him or heard of him prior to 11/22/63. She was asked if Ruby knew Oswald and she said she did not think so.

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For the further information of Miami, the 5/22/75 edition of the Dallas "Times Herald" carried an article entitled "FBI Lies on Ruby Strippers in John F. Kennedy Case." The article, written by staff writer Bill Sloane alleges that Shari Angel, a former stripper at Jack Ruby's Carousel Club, and the ex-wife of Wally Weston, had been quizzed by the FBI on 5/19/75 regarding allegations that Oswald visited the club on two occasions shortly before the assassination. The article alleged the FBI was looking for Kathy Kay. A 5/25/75 follow-up article entitled "Stripper Complained to Ex-spouse about FBI," says that Shari Angel reported that her former husband was present during the FBI interviews and was also questioned. The "Times Herald," however, located Weston in Florida and he denied being present at the interview and advised he had not seen Miss Angel since shortly after they were divorced in 1964. He said he had spoken to her on the phone "three or four times" during that period. Dallas, Los Angeles and FBIHQ found no record of any attempt to interview Angel, Weston, or Kay since immediately after the assassination and SAC, Dallas, so advised the "Times Herald" in Dallas.

The following investigation should be conducted by mature, experienced Agents with thorough background in this matter. Aggressively pursue questioning to obtain specific details that can be verified or refuted. If considered appropriate at the end of interviews, furnish interviewee polygraph consent form and schedule polygraph examination to verify story. Telephonically obtain Bureau approval before conducting polygraph examination.

Miami thoroughly review your files regarding Frank Anthony Sturgis, aka Frank Fiorini, with emphasis on information he furnished in previous interviews in the Kennedy Assassination Case. Locate and interview Sturgis regarding information he alleges he now has regarding Jack Ruby meeting with Castro. Determine in detail the source of this information and why it was not furnished previously.

Locate and interview Wally Weston, former MC at Carousel Club, Dallas, Texas. Determine what information he has to confirm Sturgis' statement regarding Ruby and Castro. Further determine the basis for his belated identification of a patron at the Carousel Club in 1963 as Oswald. Note that Weston was interviewed two days after